

# No peace of mind Mental health under military occupation and war

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### **BIOGRAPHIES**

## **Opening Remarks**



### Mariana Duarte

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Advisor, Mental Health Referent, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), France

Clinical Psychologist. Master's in clinical psychology at UFPR, Brazil. Master in Psychosocial Studies at Birkbeck University of London (BBK). PhD candidate in Clinical Psychology at Ispa, Portugal. Researcher at Applied Psychology Research Center Capabilities & Inclusion (APPsyCI). Coordinator and Professor at the Post Graduation of Psychology and Migrations in Brazil. Member of the BFC School of Psychoanalysis in Brazil.

## Speakers



#### Saiba Varma

Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of California, San Diego

Saiba Varma is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of California, San Diego. She has worked on questions around violence, trauma, and medicine in Indian-controlled Kashmir for the past 14 years. Her first book, The Occupied Clinic: Militarism and Care in Kashmir won the Edie Turner First Book Prize for Ethnographic Writing. She is the co-editor of a forthcoming edited volume, Decolonizing Bodies, with Bloomsbury Press. In addition to publishing dozens of academic articles on

mental health and occupation, her work has also appeared in Al Jazeera, Truthout, Salon, and The Nation.



#### Mohammad Marie

Mental Health Consultant, Assistant Professor, College of Medicine and Health Sciences, Annajah National University, Nablus, West Bank, Palestine

Mohammad Marie is an Assistant Professor of Mental Health and a specialist in the field. He is interested in mental health research and is dedicated to developing mental health services in Palestine and the surrounding region. In addition to teaching and supervising postgraduate and undergraduate students, Mohammad has published various articles on the mental illness context in the occupied Palestine. He has experience developing mental

health services on the national and international levels in collaboration with NGOs as well as in conducting training for health and mental health professionals.

# Dmytro Martsenkovskyi



Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry Bogomolets National Medical University, Kyiv, Ukraine

Dmytro Martsenkovskyi, MD, Ph.D., graduated from Bogomolets National Medical University and has a dual specialisation in both adult and child psychiatry. Dmytro is an Assistant Professor of psychiatry and works as a liaison psychiatrist at the National Children's Hospital in Kyiv, as well as a psychiatrist at SI Institute of Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatric Examination, and Drug Monitoring of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. Since 2022, Dmytro has been a

delegate from Ukraine in the European Union of Medical Specialists – Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Section. Also, Dmytro is a member of the Working Group on Standards of Mental Health Care of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. Dmytro's clinical and research interests are stress-related and neurodevelopmental disorders.

#### Moderator



#### Edna Fernandes

Co-Founder, Beyond Conflict: The mental health charity for conflict zones; author; journalist

Edna Fernandes is Co-Founder and Executive Director of Beyond Conflict, the UK mental health charity for victims of war, terrorism and displacement. Over the last six years she and a team of trustees, partners and volunteers have built the charity and it now helps people in 5 countries. Beyond Conflict supports MHPSS projects serving Ukrainian refugees; widows and orphans in southern Iraq; the Rohingya frontline workers and refugees in Bangladesh; Palestinian frontline workers and civilians in the West

Bank; and Israeli youngsters impacted by the October 2023 Hamas attack on the Nova music festival. Beyond Conflict is non-political and serves people of all faiths and none. Edna is also an author and former journalist who worked for the Financial Times, Reuters and Mail on Sunday. Her books are *Holy Warriors*, which explored religious extremism across Hinduism, Christianity, Islam and Sikhism and was a finalist for the international Index on Censorship prize; *The Last Jews of Kerala*, a Sunday Times Travel Book of the Year and India Crossword Literary Prize finalist; and *The Hollow Kingdom*, which examined Islamic State. www.ednafernandes.com. www.beyond-conflict.co.uk.